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ENRICHED AND RAPID IMPROVEMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH (ENRICH) PROJECT - SAVE THE CHILDREN

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

The goal of **EnRICH** in Sulu is to contribute to the reduction in maternal, infant/child and tuberculosis mortality. Its strategic objectives are to:

- Increase use of FP, MCH and TB services in selected barangays in the municipalities of Jolo, Indanan, Patikul, Maimbung, Hadji Panglima Tahil and Parang.
- Increase contraceptive prevalence comparable to the national level, in the covered barangays of the above-mentioned municipalities.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Save the Children was established in the Philippines in 1982. Its first project was in the island of *Guimaras* in Western Visayas. **EnRICH Sulu** is the first project of **Save the Children in Mindanao**, which started its operation in October 2002. It then covered 18 barangays in the municipalities of *Jolo, Indanan* and *Patikul* in the province of *Sulu*. In October 2004,

EnRICH Sulu expanded to 36 more barangays in the municipalities of *Maimbung, Hiji, Panglima Tahil, Parang*, and *Patikul*.

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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



Save the Children

- Strengthening the capacity of government and community-based health service providers to provide quality FP, MCH and TB control services.
- Collaborating with LGU and IPHO to undertake health policy formulation, resource generation, and networking for better health service delivery particularly on MCH, FP and Tuberculosis.
- Promoting key client health behaviors through behavior-centered programming.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS (AS OF DECEMBER 2004)

- Developed and published the first culture-sensitive, *Tausug*-specific integrated training course on FP, MCH and TB control.
- Organized Barangay Health Teams (BHT) in 21 project areas. Composed of a multi-sectoral group of traditional healers/pandays, community religious leaders/imams, apuh babai, Barangay Health Workers (BHW), Barangay Kagawad for Health, salimpak (assistants of pandays), model couples, mothers group and day care workers, the BHT acts as the front liner in the delivery of health services through referral, health education, and providing direct care at the health facilities and through home visits.
- Trained 424 BHT members on the integrated course on MCH, FP and TB Control.
- Organized Barangay Health Committee (BHC) in 18 project sites. The BHC is also a multi-sectoral group chaired by the Barangay Kagawad for Health and co-chaired by the Rural Health Midwife and/or Barangay midwife. It is tasked to conduct advocacy activities in support of health programs.
- Improved access to MCH, FP and TB services among community members with the construction of 15 Barangay Health Stations (BHS) upgrading of three BHSs and renovation of the Rural Health Unit of Jolo with counterpart funds from concerned the Local Government Units
- Increased awareness among community members on MCH, FP and TB concepts and services through the implementation of Behavior-Centered Communication activities, such as the radio program, "EnRICH Sulu On-Air", health caravan.